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Sir:

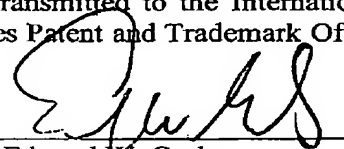
In accordance with the provisions of PCT Article 34(2)(d), and in response to the Written Opinion dated September 7, 2005, please amend the subject international application as follows:

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**Section 205(b) Letter Regarding Claim Amendments**

Please replace originally filed pages 27-34 containing original claims 1-52, respectively, with substitute pages 27-32 submitted herewith.

With respect to the amendments to the claims, the following is noted:

original claims 1 and 4 have been replaced by the correspondingly numbered new claims 1 and 4;

original claims 20-29 and 49-52 have been deleted;

original claims 30, 35, 38-41 and 45 have been amended and renumbered as new claims 20, 25, 28, 29, and 35;

original claims 31-34, 36-37, 42-44, and 46-48 have been renumbered as new claims 21-24, 26-27, 30-34, and 36-38, without substantive amendments; and

original claims 2-3 and 5-19 are retained without any change.